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## News Release

## ALIEN SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR UNLAWFULLY RE-ENTERING UNITED STATES

NEW HAVEN, CT—Kevin J. O'Connor, United States Attorney for the District of Connecticut, announced that Carlos Alberto Calderon-Moran, 38, was sentenced today in Hartford for re-entering the United States after having been deported to El Salvador on March 17, 2003. United States District Judge Alvin W. Thompson sentenced Calderon-Moran to 46 months in prison, after which he will be deported to El Salvador.

U.S. Attorney O'Connor said, "This case further demonstrates the Office's continued commitment to prosecuting those who illegally enter this country." U.S. Attorney O'Connor explained that anyone ordered deported from the United States must first have the express consent of the U.S. Attorney General or his successor, the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, before re-entering the United States.

"One of our top priorities is restoring integrity to the immigration system," said Matthew J. Etre, acting special agent-in-charge of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in New England. "Those who choose to willfully ignore and circumvent our nation's immigration laws will be punished."

The case was investigated by special agents of ICE under the Department of Homeland Security together with members of the Stratford, Conn. Police Department. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Krishna R. Patel.

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U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement was established in March 2003 as the largest investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security. ICE is comprised of five integrated divisions that form a 21st century law enforcement agency with broad responsibilities for a number of key homeland security priorities.

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